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Dear Ms. Branch,

We've asked a University of Maryland student, Ms. Anne Barbehenn, to copy of few JFK assassination records. One of them is the disclosed transcript of the phone conversation between Senator Russell and President Johnson. Ms. Barbehenn reports that those to whom you referred her state that the transcript was not disclosd. According to two newspaper accounts published last year they did publish excerpts from that disclosed transcript.

I enclose two pages of my book on which I reported it.

It indicates the significance of that date, September 18, 1964.

Senator Russell told me of his determined refusal to agree that one bullet caused all seven non-fatal injuries on both the President and the Governor. He also told me that Senator Cooper's opposition was no less inflexible. Of that I now have confirmation. He also told me that Congressman Boggs opposed it but not as strongly.

He also told me about the executive session of that day of which no transcript exists. He saw a woman who appeared to be taking it done in shorthand. I did not find anything of that nature in the 1960s when I did that work and do not believe it exists. But if a search for it can be made that would be fine. If not filed with the executive sessions, if it exists, it might be filed with some of Mr. Rankin's notes, if any.

I'm 83 now and in impaired health so I'll much appreciate it if this can be expedited.

If by any chance there is a separate file on that session or about it that would interest me much and could be quite valuable for our history.

Thanks you for any helpt you can provide,

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